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For : METHOD FOR DETERMINING AND MONITORING THE AGEING
OF THE BLOOD BAGS IN BLOOD TRANSFUSION UNITS AND
HEALTHCARE UNITS

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby submit a copy of an International Search Report that was mailed on
October 7, 2003, with respect to patent family member International Patent Application
No. PCT/FR02/03383, which is a continuing part of the instant application, in which the
following documents were cited:

French Patent Application Publication No. FR 2 796 182, which was published on
January 12, 2001 along with an English language abstract of the same. The International
Search Report identifies this document as an "A" document (general technological
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U.S. Patent No. 6,113,554 to GILCHER et al., which issued on September 5, 2000, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,402,702 to GILCHER et al., which issued on June 11, 2002. The International Search Report identifies this document as an "A" document (general technological background that is not pertinent) and indicates that column 9, line 35 to column 10, line 54 is relevant to claim 1 of the International Application.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the French Examiner applying French rules to the French claims are set forth in the International Search Report as noted above.

Applicants also bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

French Patent Application Publication No. FR 2 777 378, which was published on October 15, 1999 along with an English language abstract of the same and together with U.S. Patent No. 6,285,285 that issued on September 4, 2001. Applicants note that this document is mentioned (as French Patent Application No. 9804802) on page 3 of the specification of the present application;

French Patent Application Publication No. FR 2 796 182, which was published on January 12, 2001 along with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note

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French Patent Application Publication No. 2 825 637, which was published on December 13, 2002 along with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned (as French Patent Application No. 0107618) on page 14 of the specification of the present application.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

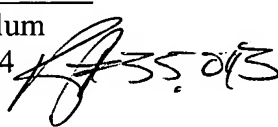
Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Abstract of FR 2796182.
2	English Language Abstract of FR 2777378.
3	English Language Abstract of FR 2796182.
4	English Language Abstract of FR 2825637.

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